(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the additional income likely to accrue;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to provide better bus services to commuters; and

(e) the total number of private buses for which permits were issued during 1991?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The increase in fares became necessary on account of the increase in the cost of inputs since the fares were last revised in February, 1986.

(c) It is expected that the revised fare structure will yield an additional income of around Rs. 89 crores per annum.

(d) To provide better and faster service to commuters DTC have introduced Green Line Services at a flat fare of Rs. 4/– per passenger per trip. Limited Stop buses at a fare of Rs. 3/– per trip per person are also available on various routes in addition to the regular ordinary services. The work relating to receipt and disposal of public complaints has been streamlined by DTC. Central complaint cell at the Head–quarters and Regional complaint cells in all the four regions have also been set up. Provision for recording complaints on telephone has also been made and the telephone numbers of all the Complaint cells have been painted in the buses of the Corporation.

(e) During the year 1991, State Transport Authority had issued 16 Stage Carriage Permits to Private Operators.

Conditions for IMF Loans

844. SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the conditions imposed by IMF for granting loans to the Government;

(b) the details of those conditions already considered and still being considered by the Government for implementation;

(c) whether the Government have not accepted all the conditions laid down by the IMF; and

(d) if so, the details of the conditions not accepted by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISITRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMEWSHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (d). The Finance Minister in his statement to Parliament on 16.12.1991 had dealt with the issue of borrowings from the International Monetary Fund.

A copy of the letter of intent and its enclosure the "Memorandum of Economic Policies for 1991–92 to 1992–93" was placed on the table of the House.

Aid from U.S.A.

845. SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether USA has agreed to provide more aid to India during 1992–93;

(b) if so, how does it compare with the aid given during the previous three years; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government